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EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (MONDALE, WALTER F.)
SUBJ: VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO THAILAND: REFUGEES

REF: STATE 65815

1. APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION THAT SITE VICE PRESIDENT WISHES TO VISIT IS DIN DAENG TRANSIT CENTER. THIS DOES MAKE LOGISTICS SIMPLER AND TRANSIT CENTER WOULD BE BETTER FOR TELEVISION AND PRESS COVERAGE. AS DEPT OFFICERS AWARE, DIN DAENG TRANSIT CENTER IS SIMPLE THREE STORY BUILDING SITUATED BEHIND HIGH WALL ON PRINCIPAL ROAD IN DIN DAENG AREA. ITS DORMITORY STYLE FACILITIES OFTEN HOLD MORE THAN THE 500 PERSONS FOR WHICH CAPACITY THE CENTER IS DESIGNED. THERE IS A SMALL CENTRAL AREA FOR ENTERTAINMENT, WATCHING TV, ETC.

2. WE AGREE WHOLEHEARTEDLY THAT A VISIT TO THE CENTER IS A GOOD IDEA BUT SHARE THE DEPT'S VIEW THAT THE THAI MAY NOT LIKE THE PUBLIC EMPHASIS ON REFUGEES. THIS WOULD BE PARTICULARLY THE CASE IF A VISIT TO DIN DAENG IS THE VERY FIRST THING ON THE VICE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE. THE THAI WILL CONSIDER THAT THE DOMINANT PUBLIC FOCUS OF THE VISIT SHOULD BE ON THE WIDE-RANGE OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIPS AND ON THE VICE PRESIDENT'S TALKS WITH
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THE KING AND PRIME MINISTER.

3. WE VENTURE TO SUGGEST THAT A TACTFUL WAY OF MEETING OUR OBJECTIVE AND THAT OF THE THAI WOULD BE TO HAVE THE VICE PRESIDENT VISIT THE CENTER ON APRIL 14 EN ROUTE FROM THE HOTEL TO THE AIRPORT RATHER THAN IMMEDIATELY AFTER HIS ARRIVAL. ADDITIONALLY THE CENTER IS HOT AND HUMID AND A MORNING VISIT PRIOR TO DEPARTURE

CEREMONIES WOULD BE BOTH MORE COMFORTABLE AND WOULD PERMIT PRESS COVERAGE THAT WOULD NOT BE COMPETING WITH THE FIRST DAY'S ACTIVITIES.

4. WE WOULD THEREFORE PROPOSE THAT THE FRIDAY, APRIL 14 SCHEDULE BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

0800 - PRESS CONFERENCE
0845 - DEPART FOR DIN DAENG TRANSIT CENTER
0900 - ARRIPE DIN DAENG
0920 - DEPART DIN DAENG
0940 - ARRIVE AIRPORT. DEPARTURE FORMALITIES.
1000 - DEPART FOR MANILA.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: APPROVAL FOR PROPOSED SCHEDULE CHANGE FOR FRODAY, APRIL 14, PER PARA 4.
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